State of Meghalaya under the programmes of National Literacy Mission (NLM) is given below:

Year	Grant released (Rs. in lakh)
1996-97	112.45
1997-98	16.85
1998-99	36.00
1999-2000	1230
2000-2001	2530

(b) The NLM seeks to attain full literacy *i.e.* sustainable threshold literacy level of 75 per cent by 2005 all over the country.

(c) According to the census report, the literacy rate in Meghalaya has gone up from 49.1% in 1991 to 63.31% in 2001, which is an increase of 14.21 percentage points.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) A two pronged strategy of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (Universalisation of Elementary Education) and National Literacy Mission (NLM) programmes has been adopted to eradicate illiteracy in the State. Under the NLM, six districts in the State have been sanctioned projects of Total Literacy Campaigns (TLCs) and under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, an amount of Rs. 67.50 lakhs has been released for pre-project activities.

Opening of more Kendriya Vidyalayas

†678. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to open some more Kendriya Vidyalayas during the current Session;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to open some Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat also; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Due to budgetary constraints, for the time being, there is no proposal to open any new Kendriya Vidyalaya in the country. KVS is asking for more financial assistance for 10th Plan period.

Objectives of Indira Mahila Yojana

679. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indira MahilaYojana is under implementation since 1995;

(b) if so, the basic objectives of the scheme;

(c) whether any target has been fixed;

(d) the Ninth Plan outlay for IMY; and

(e) how much of the amount has been utilized during the last four years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Indira MahilaYojana is under implementation since August, 1995. However, it has been recast as Sawayamsidha since February, 2001.

(b) Indira MahilaYojana (IMY), a scheme for the holistic empowerment of women, had the following stated objectives:—

(i) To ensure convergence of sectoral services at the local, block and district levels, through active involvement of women and sectoral departments.

(ii) To optimize the utilization of scarce resources in speeding up the process of mainstreaming women in development.

(iii) To create awareness in women through provision of information on different developmental programmes and issues of specific concern to women, as also on equality of social status, legal rights (like those to property and inheritance), constitutional safeguards etc.

(iv) To initiate a process of awareness generation/education to enable them to understand and analyse their problems and find solutions through